



American Dental Hygienist Association 93rd CLL and Annual Session (Vermont)
Annual Report 2016

The 93rd ADHA CLL annual session was held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania from June 15th-21th it was filled with great continuing education classes, governance design discussions, a legislative discussions, membership discussion, the House of Delegates session and a lot of fun and laughter. Heather Blair, VDHA President and Brittney Gendreau, VDHA President-elect attended representing Vermont.

ADHA's CLL kicked off its week with a Community Service Day in downtown Pittsburgh where members volunteered with MERCY of Pittsburg and participated in an oral health fair. Continuing education classes started on Thursday and ran through Saturday, covering topics such as:

- Ultrasonic/ local anesthesia techniques
- Treatment of periodontal disease and the medically complicated patient
- Treating patients with dementia and osteoporosis
- Critical thinking and E-Learning in dental hygiene education
- Public health dental hygiene
- Silver Diamine Fluoride
- Treating difficult patients including treatment of infants, toddlers and adolescents
- New products presentations

The ADHA hosted two plenary sessions. The Thursday morning plenary session included a presentation by Erik Wahl and the Saturday morning plenary session included a

presentation by Alison Levine, who wrote the book *On The Edge*. Both speakers focused on embracing change and that not every step back means failure, it just means readjustment for the next step forward.

On Thursday night the ADHA hosted a fun 5k run/walk to benefit its charitable organization -The Institute for Oral Health. The IOH's mission is to "support the charitable educational, research and scientific endeavors of the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) which will improve the public's total health by increasing the awareness of and access to quality oral healthcare." The fun run plus donations from Erik Wahl and others raised over \$63,000 for the IOH.

District meetings began on Saturday with discussions on proposed resolutions and bylaw changes. The House of Delegates began on Sunday and ran through Tuesday. The ADHA's House of Delegates approved many PR's and PBY's and even sent some back for review to be considered for next year.

Other than proposed resolutions and bylaw changes, there were a few other topics discussed at this year's annual session including the restructuring of ADHA's leadership and hierarchy, charter agreements and California's decision to leave the ADHA. At the 2015 annual session, the ADHA hosted a mega issues discussion to talk about how its membership thinks the ADHA is structured and ways to improve. In reviewing the information gathered from this discussion, the ADHA proposed three new types of governance structure and hosted round table discussions at the 2016 annual session. As of right now, the ADHA is correlating the feedback from this meeting and is in discussion about the future governance and structure of the ADHA will look like. Any decisions/changes will be slowly integrated over several years.

As of January 2016, almost all of the states except for Florida, Minnesota and California had signed their charter agreements with the ADHA. Florida and Minnesota received extensions on signing their charter agreements until after their House of Delegates meetings in Fall 2016. For financial concerns, California decided to withdraw its

participation in the ADHA. The ADHA is working with new leaders in California on chartering the “new” dental hygienist association within California.

Save the date for the ADHA’s 94th CLL and Annual Session in Jacksonville, Florida June 14th-20th.

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